In this doc, some more information will be elaborated on regarding Phoenix's planning in Turnabout Trump. I'll start with this excerpt (10 pages) which was ripped from my doc, detailing the case:

Apollo Justice takes place 7 years after the ending of Trials and Tribulations. It stars a new and inexperienced attorney, one Apollo Justice. His mentor is a man named Kristoph Gavin. Your first client is this man.



Supposedly, this man requested Apollo specifically in spite of his lack of any experience. Shortly after the trial begins, we learn this man's true name: Phoenix Wright. Winston Payne, the prosecutor, gives the basic rundown of the case:

-The crime happened at Borscht Bowl Club, a Russian restaurant.

-Phoenix is on trial for hitting a customer over the head and killing him. Phoenix worked as a pianist for the club.

-The weapon was a bottle of grape juice, with the same overall structure as a wine bottle.

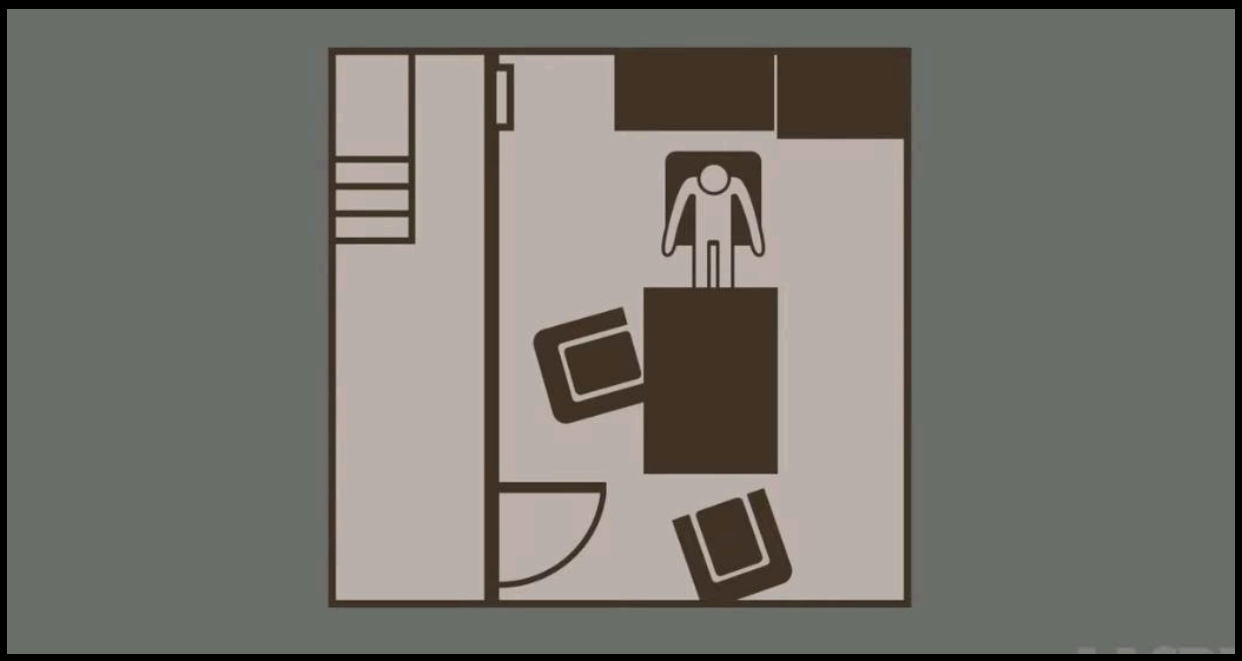
-The victim was a man named Shadi Smith, a traveler. He'd been out of the country for years, returning recently, but with no known place of residence.

-The motive was suspected to be that he killed him over a lost game of poker.



Phoenix is asked to testify about the poker game they were playing. He says this:
-Phoenix is a pianist. He can hardly play, though.
-His real job is to take people on in poker if the customers are interested.
-The poker room and the competition in there itself is the club's main attraction. Phoenix has never lost.
-They play a game of poker, and that's about it.
-He pleads silent regarding the murder. But he never touched the murder weapon.
Apollo presents the bottle. It has Phoenix's fingerprints, making for an obvious contradiction.
Payne then goes on to point out that these fingerprints were *upside-down*, making them even more suspicious. If you were to strike someone over the head with a bottle, your prints would show up upside down.
Phoenix sticks with his plea of silence.

Gavin points out that Phoenix was the one who called the police after the crime.



This is a diagram of the scene. There's no reception in the room, so Phoenix would've walked up the stairs on the left and up to the first floor of the restaurant to call the cops. He could've fled the crime scene, but instead he did the opposite. Gavin points out that since the prosecution said Phoenix was in the room at the time of the murder, they must have a decisive witness. A waitress by the name of Olga Orly is called to the stand. She has a side service where she takes photos for people. For example, this one.



This is Phoenix talking to Shadi Smith on the night of the murder. Olga makes a testimony regarding the night:

-The customer asked her to deal cards for the game.

-Both players had hats on since it was cold.

-The victim had his hand on his locket which was on his neck for the whole game.

-After the game ended, Phoenix lunged at the victim and started strangling him.

Payne and the defense begin debating who won the poker game. Payne presents this photo.



These are the poker chips as they were at the moment of the crime. The bottom left side is Phoenix's hand and the top right is Shadi's. Shadi seems to be winning based on the amount of chips on his side.

Anyway, Apollo presents the autopsy report, which contradicts Olga's statement that Phoenix strangled him. It is very much true that he was struck over the head, as shown here.



Apollo points out another contradiction. There's no locket on his neck in this photo. Gavin says this means that Phoenix was never strangling him, but rather taking off his locket. The judge points out the fact that Phoenix also has a locket around his neck. Wright shows the necklace and says it has a photograph inside. A photo of his *daughter.* Olga is asked to testify regarding the poker game. She says this:

-The game began with 3500 poker chips for each man. The chips come in large and small sizes. The large ones are worth 1000 and the small ones are worth 100.

-The victim was winning.

-In the last hand, Phoenix played with all chips on the table and lost.

-When the game ended, he grabbed the bottle from the table and killed him.

Apollo presents the chips photo. If you add up the amount these chips are worth, they come up to 10,600 for all the chips in the photo, when it should be just 7000. This means that the small chips were worth 1000 and the big chips were worth 100. If you count them that way, then they add to 7000. And if you count them this way, Phoenix actually had more points than Shadi. Olga speaks up and says that there was cheating going on during the final hand of the game. She makes another testimony:

-On the last hand, both men had a full house. Phoenix had a fifth ace. Three on Shadi's side and two on Phoenix's.

-The cheating was revealed, and then the two men started arguing. Phoenix's trick was exposed.

-Then he took the bottle and hit him.

Apollo presents the chips photo. Clearly, Shadi's hand only had two aces. Apollo is also given the chance to look at the actual cards that made up his hand. When looking at them backwards, you can see that 4 of the cards are red, and one of them, one of the aces, has a blue back. Gavin says that

Olga is likely the one helping Shadi cheat. Apollo goes on to accuse Olga of the crime. Olga faints. The trial day is about to be closed for further investigation, when Phoenix makes an objection. He asks that the trial keeps going. He mentions the cards. They alternated between two sets of cards that night, red and blue. The blue card got into the red set, so there was cheating happening. He asks Apollo to consider this: when was the red card swapped out for a blue one? Apollo says it happened after the murder. Phoenix then asks them to consider; who swapped the cards? Apollo says it doesn't seem like it was Phoenix or Olga who swapped them. Gavin suggests he should be naming Olga for it, but it wouldn't make much sense since she was the dealer, and it wouldn't make sense for her to swap out the wrong color card. Phoenix says the trial is about to take a new direction. After the murder, someone swapped one of the cards in the victim's hand. That person made two mistakes. They swapped the wrong color card because they didn't know that the two card sets alternated per-game. The second was that they replaced the fifth ace with a king. It's here that Phoenix fully claims that there was a fourth person there at the scene on the night of the murder. A recess is called for the court. During the recess, Kristoph is called to the judge's chambers. While Phoenix and Apollo are alone, he tells Apollo that he hasn't actually told the truth of the case yet. All will be revealed in due time. He also tells Apollo that a poker game is a lot like a trial. Using your opponent's body language and subtle quirks and twitches can be crucial to finding contradictions. When they return to court, Olga's demeanor has completely changed. She plays more into her poker dealer side, specifically the part that cheats for people. She testifies about the plan Shadi and Olga shared. Shadi hired her for her poker services. She was planted as a waitress at the club several days prior to the game. He only had the goal of destroying the legendary Phoenix Wright, the unbeatable poker player. They set up a trap. They would plant a card in Wright's pocket beforehand, and then deal five aces during the game. When the aces were revealed, Shadi would search him for the card and frame him for cheating. The plan went wrong, though. She testifies about this:

-She planted the card, just like she was asked.

-Wright lost the last hand, like he was supposed to. Then Shadi searched him for the card.

-The card was gone.

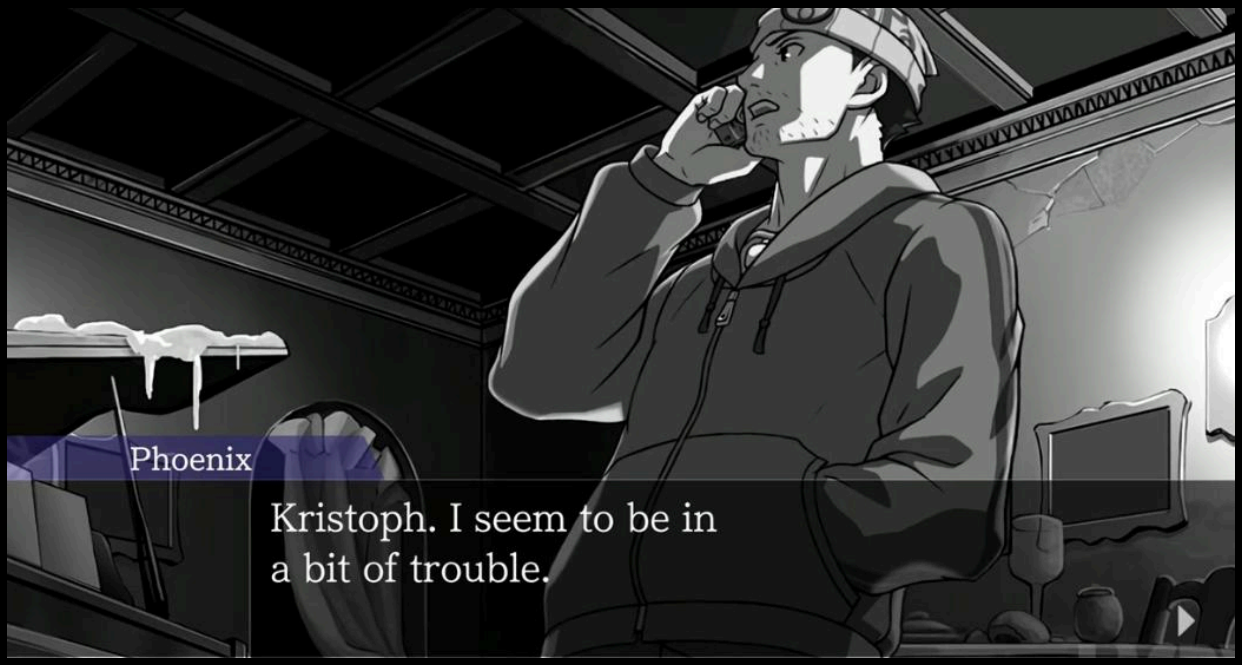
-Then, Phoenix picked up a bottle and hit him over the head with it.

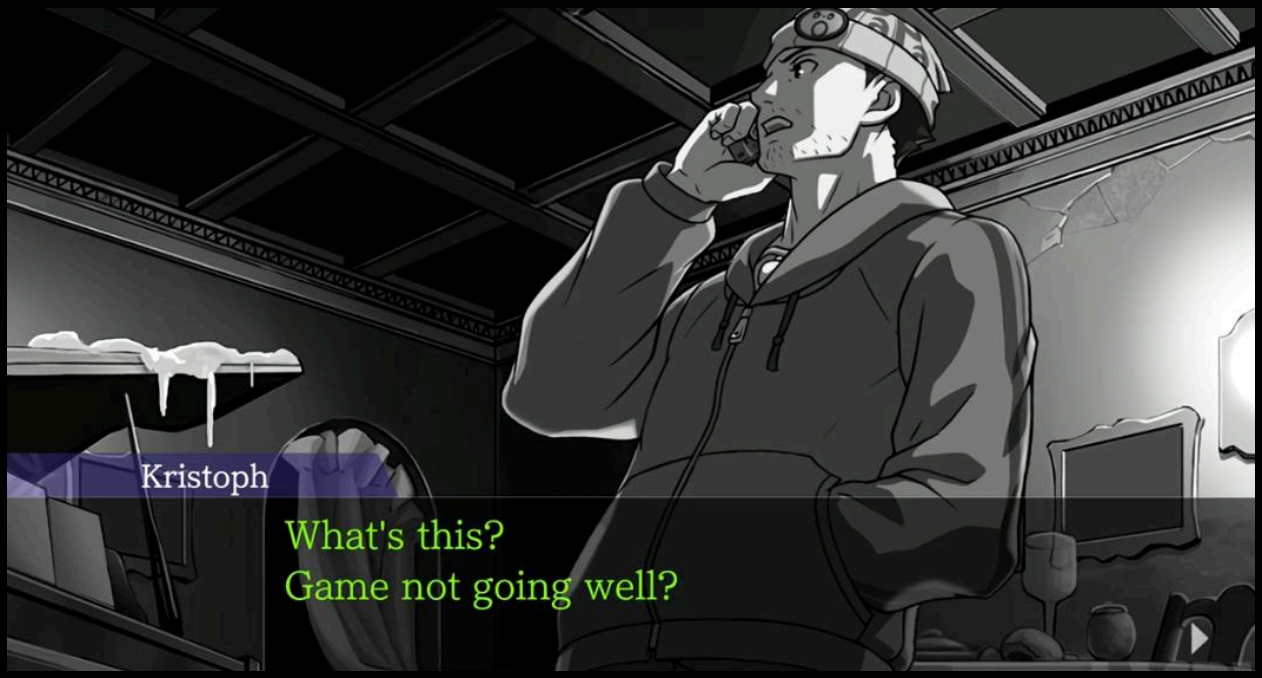
During the examination, Phoenix's statement comes true. Apollo realizes the powers of perception he has and notices that Olga is tapping her neck on a specific part of her testimony. Namely, the part where she says she saw Phoenix hit Shadi over the head with the bottle. He presents the juice bottle. If the victim is the one who was struck, why does she keep touching her neck as if she's in pain whenever she recalls the moment of the crime? Olga modifies her testimony to say she didn't let him out of her sight until the cops got there. Apollo presents Phoenix's cell phone. The police were alerted by Phoenix, and we know that he left the room to make that call. She couldn't have kept her

eyes on him the whole time if he had left the room. Olga cracks, and admits it wasn't Phoenix who hit Shadi over the head with the bottle. She says that after his plan to frame Wright for cheating failed, Shadi picked up the bottle and smashed it over Olga's head. When she woke up, the victim was dead. Gavin calls Olga a liar and says she had a motive to kill him. If the plot failed, Olga and Shadi would start arguing. It got so heated, Gavin says, that she murdered him. Phoenix butts in. He urges his defense team to consider the possibility of the 4th person being there, as suggested by the colored cards being swapped. He then says this is why he brought this case to court. To make sure there could be no deception, and put them in the perfect place to catch the true killer. He then says that the true killer's identity had already been given a clue at the very beginning of the trial. Phoenix asks Apollo to consider this: why would the person who swapped the cards make such an obvious mistake? The cards used in the final game were red. Yet, someone, here in the courtroom, thought the cards were blue. Apollo says it was Kristoph Gavin, like Phoenix wanted him to. Back at the beginning of the trial, Kristoph described the cards as being blue. This was before the chips picture was shown which would give Kristoph the opportunity to know they were blue. Phoenix goes on to say the victim and Gavin may have met that night before the game started as well. Gavin tries to stop Apollo, but Apollo requests that Phoenix testify. Phoenix makes his testimony:
-The night of the murder, Kristoph and Phoenix had dinner at the club.
-Shadi Smith walked in 5 minutes after Kristoph left.
-When the card trap failed, Shadi hit Olga.
-Shadi became uncontrollable. Phoenix left to call the police.
-When he returned, he was dead, blood oozing from a cut on his forehead.
-After that, he made his call to Kristoph.

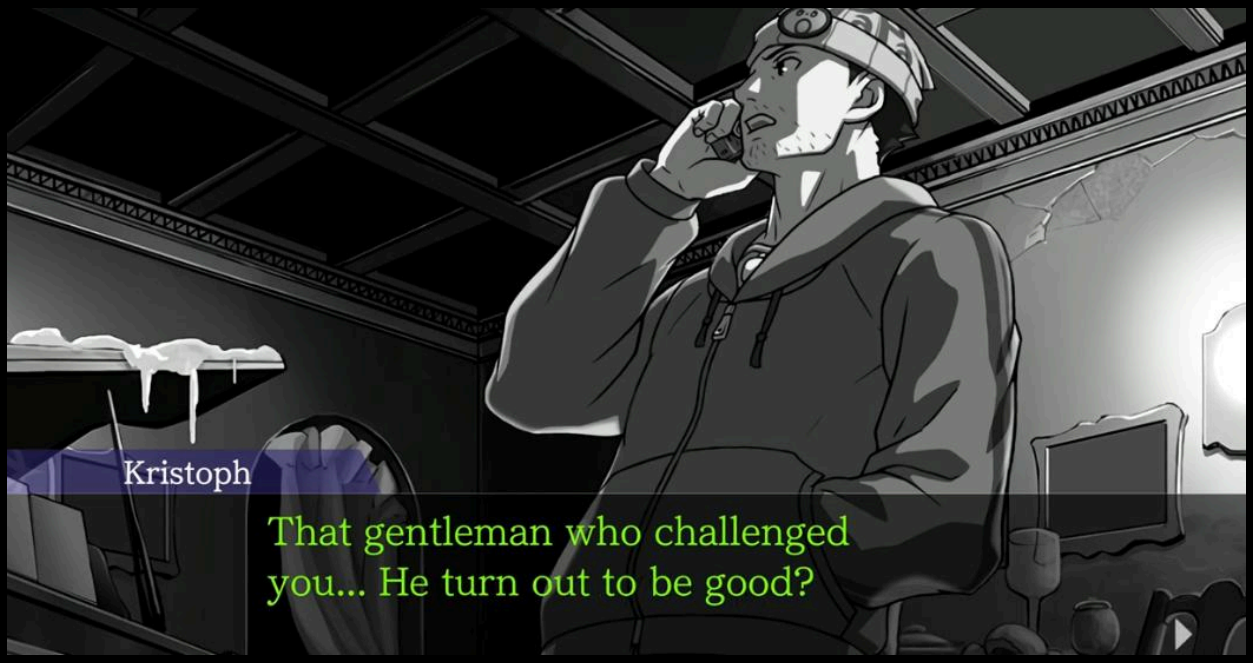
Gavin can sense it; Phoenix had it planned so that it would come to this point.

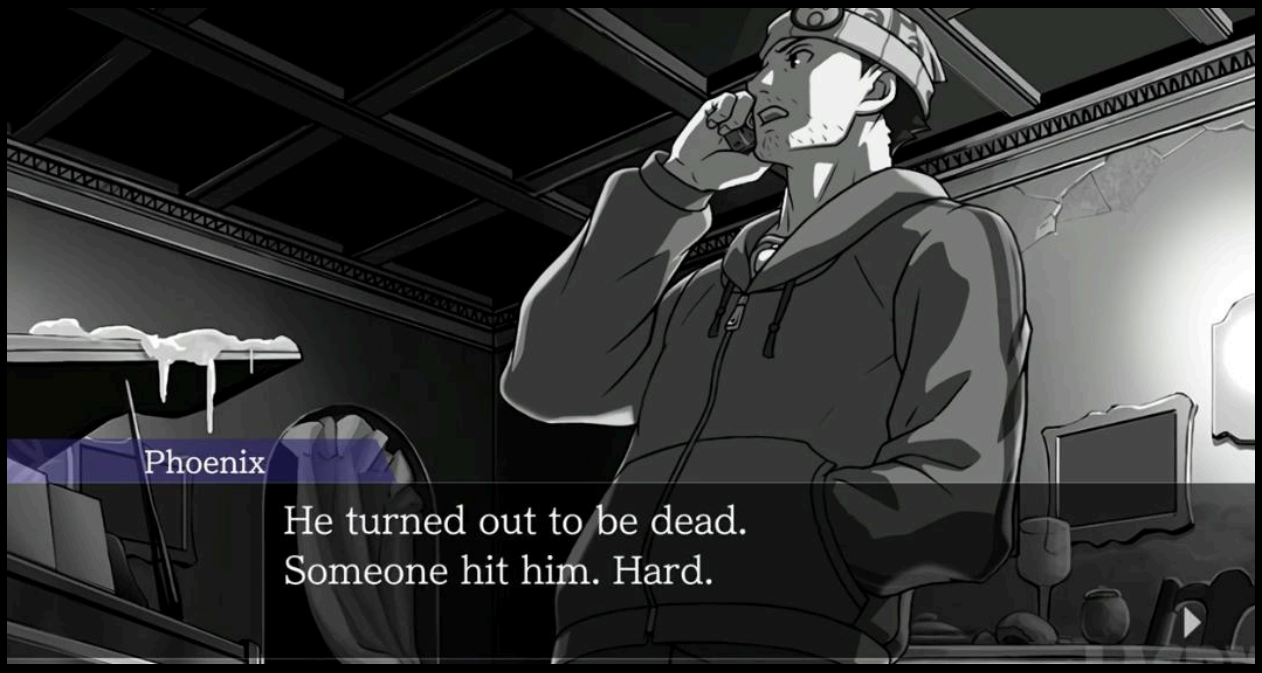
When Phoenix is asked about how the card trap failed, he says that he just happened to put his hand in his pocket. It was a five of hearts. He had a feeling something bad might happen, so he disposed of it before the game. He crinkled it up and placed it inside an empty bottle of grape juice. The same bottle of grape juice used to kill Shadi. Apollo examines the bottle and finds that it's empty, so he objects to Phoenix's testimony. Phoenix says he doesn't know where the card went, but he does insist that he put it in the bottle. Apollo points out something else. In the photo of Shadi's body, there's no blood streaming from his head, because he's wearing a hat which would obscure that. Phoenix says he was the one who put the hat on his head. He insists that he isn't lying in any way here. He did put the card in the bottle, and when he put the hat on the victim, he had a reason to do it. To explain himself, he presents his phone. He recorded the phone call he made to Gavin after the murder occurred. He plays it for the court.

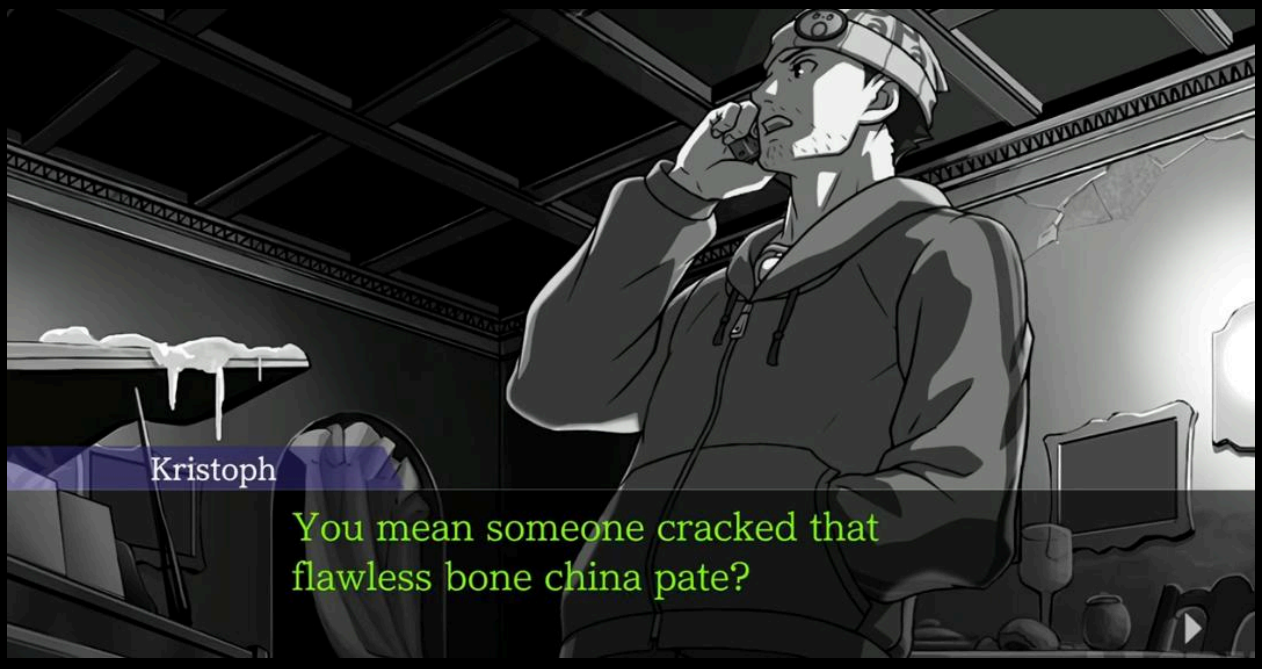

Phoenix
Kristoph. I seem to be in
a bit of trouble.

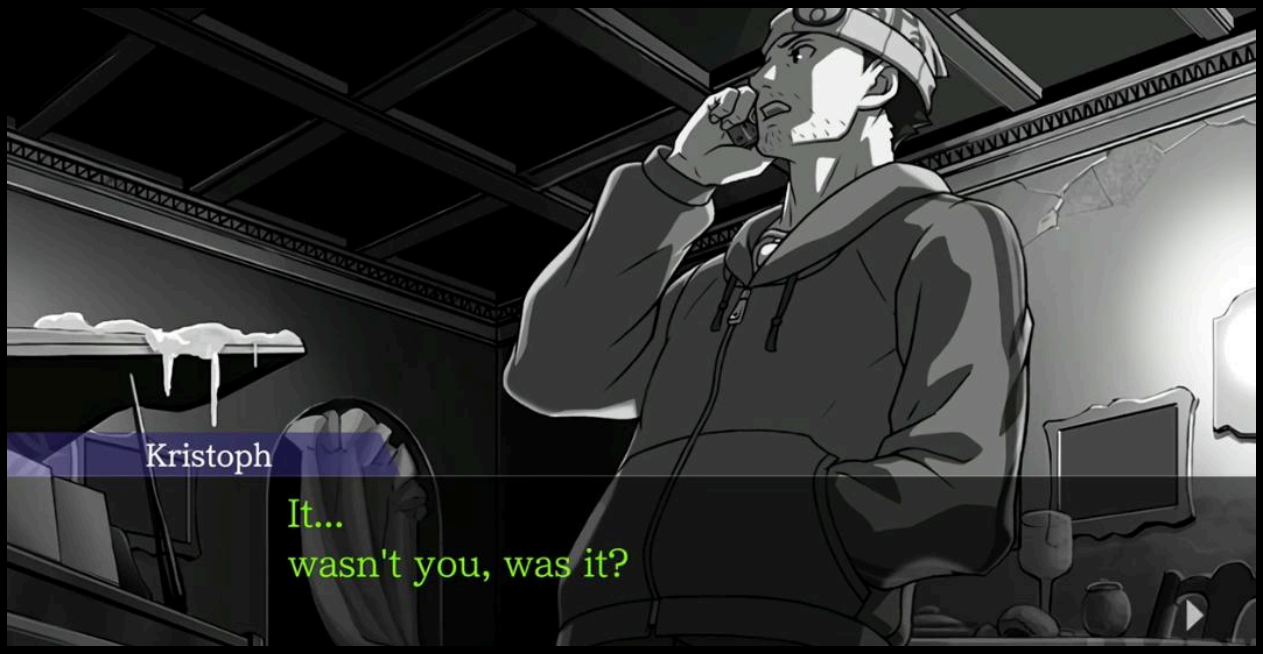

Kristoph
What's this?
Game not going well?

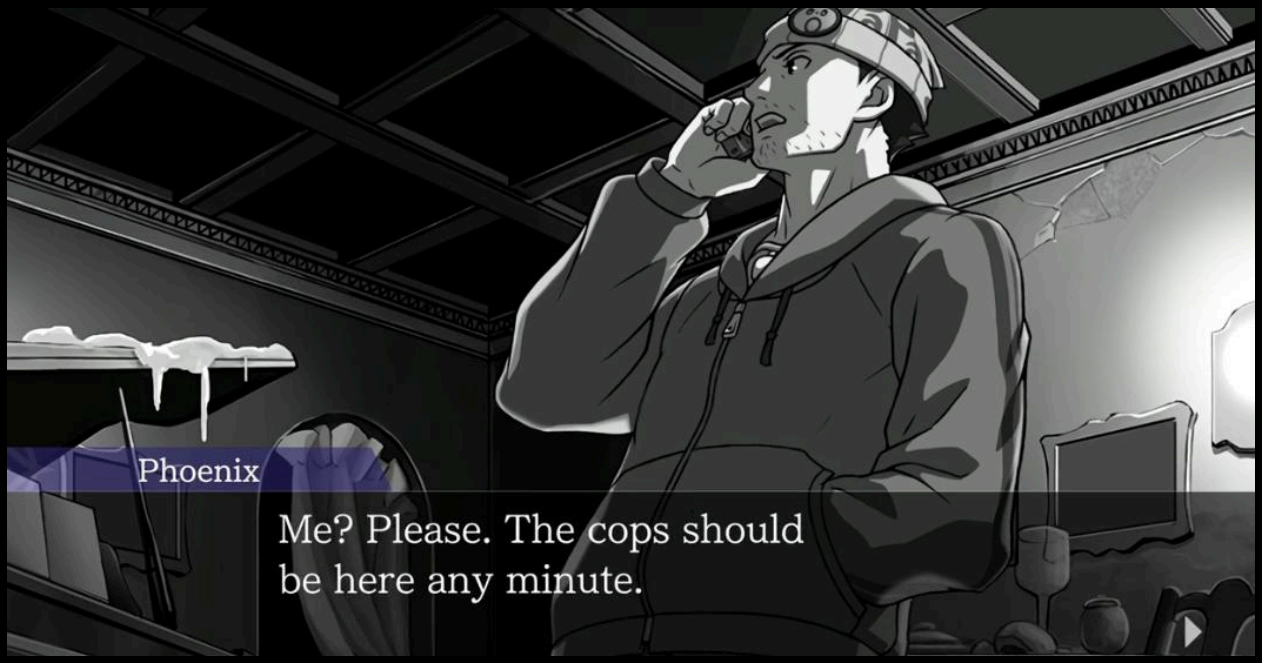

Phoenix
Something like that.

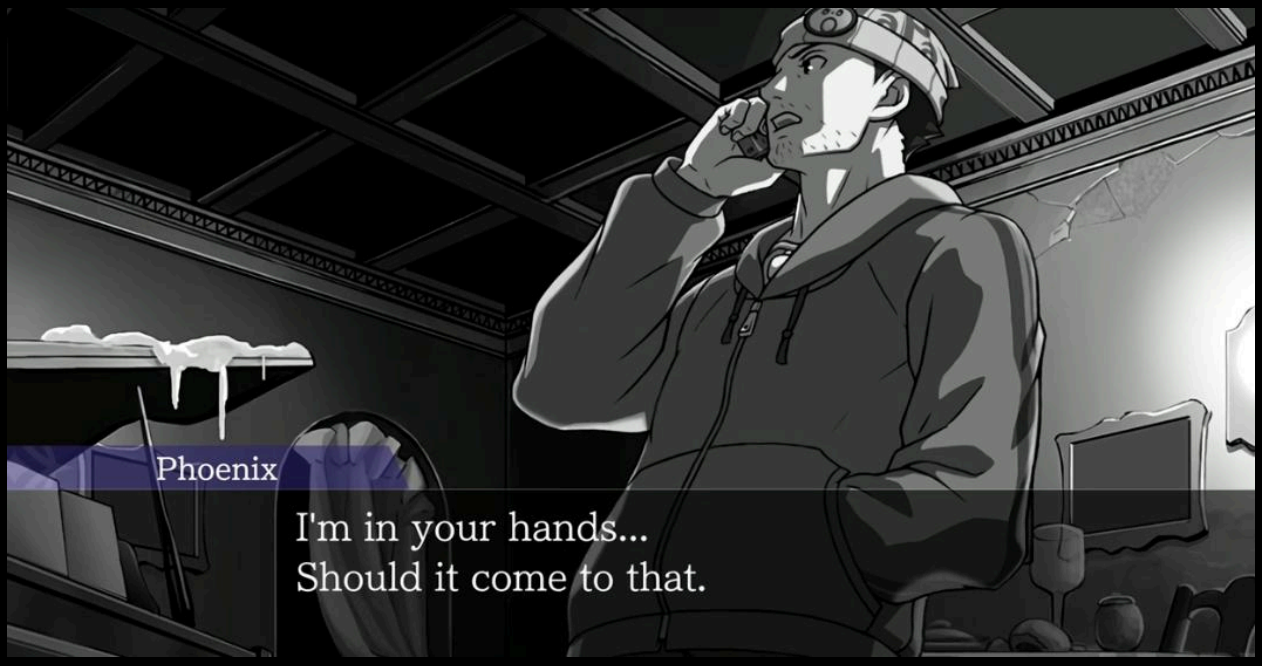

Kristoph
That gentleman who challenged you... He turn out to be good?


Phoenix
He turned out to be dead.
Someone hit him. Hard.


Kristoph
You mean someone cracked that
flawless bone china pate?


Kristoph
It...
wasn't you, was it?





The “flawless Bone China Pate” refers to Shadi’s bald head. Gavin shouldn’t have been able to know about his head being like that. Phoenix picked up on this, and that’s when he turned against Gavin. Phoenix challenges Gavin to take the stand to explain himself. A recess is called. During the recess, both Phoenix and Kristoph are in the judge's chambers. A random unnamed girl, who looks like the girl in Phoenix’s locket, his daughter, comes up to him and asks him to pick a card. He chooses one, and then the girl gives him a message. “The last hand is about to be played. You’ll need a trump card to make it. The card you have chosen is magical. Use it wisely, and the game is yours.”



This is the missing fifth ace.

When court resumes, Kristoph takes the stand. Phoenix stands next to Apollo on the defense's bench. Phoenix points out that Shadi had his hat on for the entire night, only removing it at one point; when he was hit. When Phoenix returned from calling the police, he picked up his hat and put it on the body. So the only way to have seen his bald head would be to have been there. Gavin claims he has been trying to protect Phoenix this whole time. He makes his first testimony, telling the "truth" of what happened:

-The rage he sensed in Phoenix as he was having dinner with him troubled him, so he returned to the club.

-He went down to the basement and peeked in through the tiny window in the room.

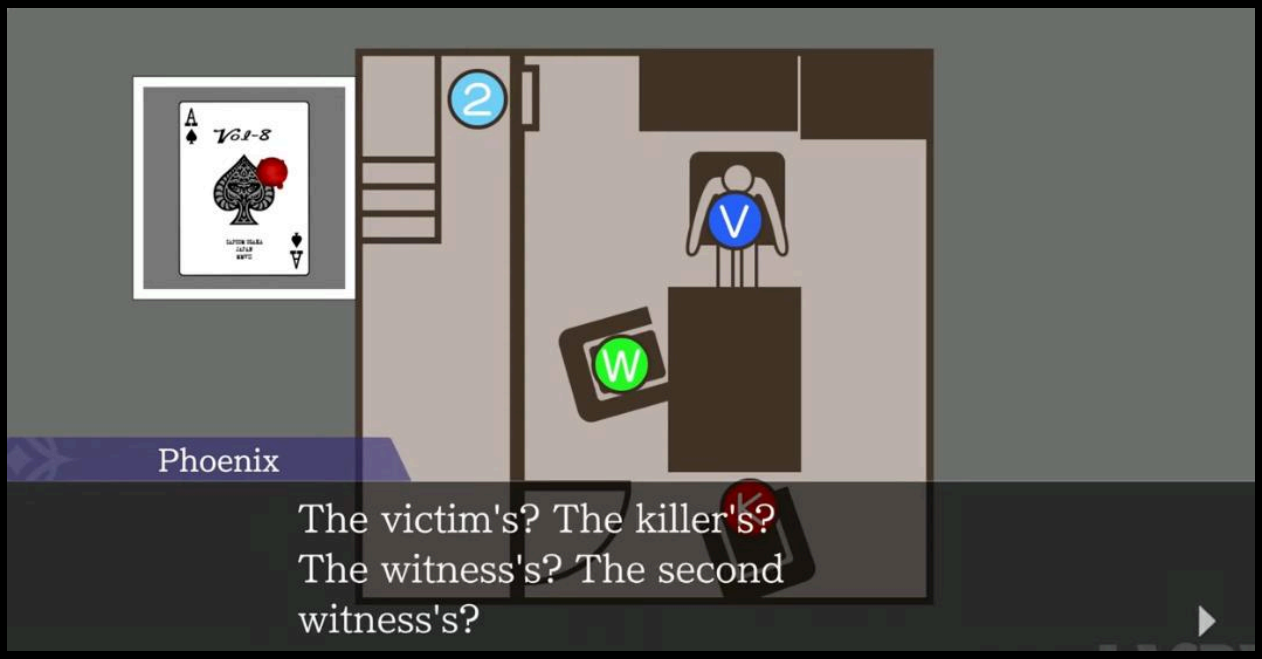
-It must've been right after the murder took place. He was dead, as he appears in the photo.

-A bald head, an unconscious girl, and Phoenix, holding the bottle in his hand.

-He left after seeing that. Then, he got a call from Phoenix.

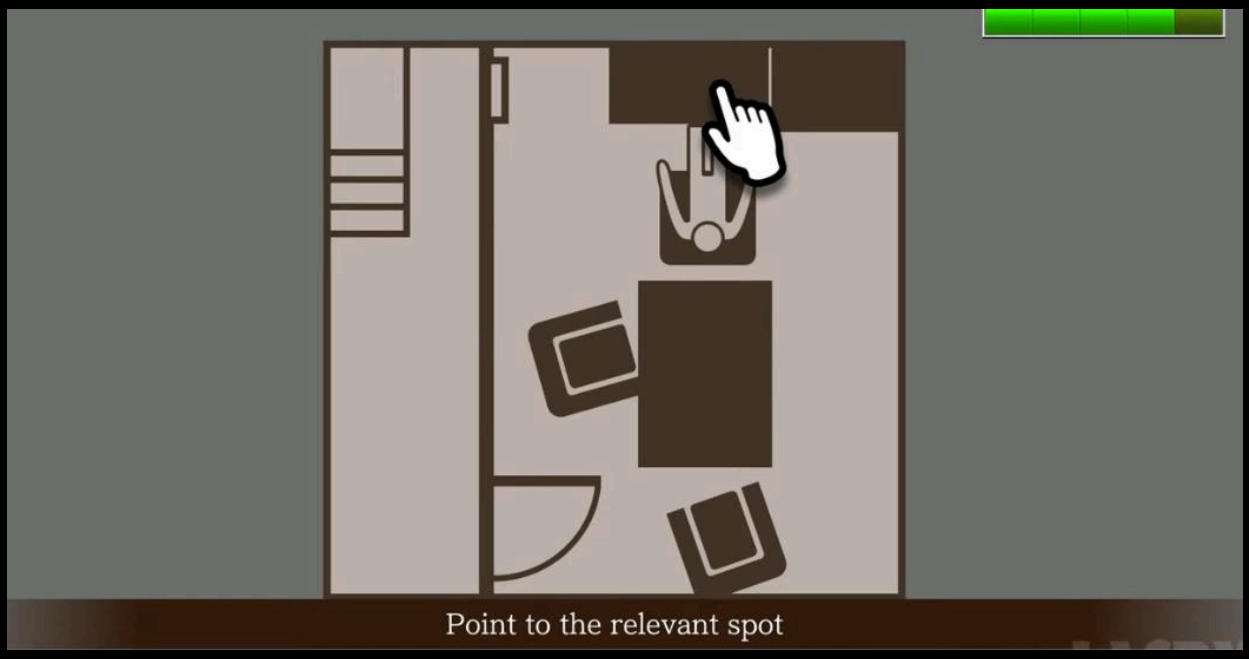
During the cross examination, they get to the question of why a fourth person would swap the red card for a blue one after the murder. Apollo presents the bloody fifth ace. Gavin is shocked at this. Apollo shouldn't have that card. Phoenix says this card belongs to him, and that he picked it up at the scene after the murder. He gave it to his daughter later. Gavin says this evidence can't be accepted. He says it's a fraud. Phoenix has now caught him in his trap. The only person who could say this card is a fraud is the true killer, who took the real card from the scene. The killer likely took it from the scene due to the spot of blood. This is why the cards were swapped, as Phoenix points out. He then asks Apollo to imagine the crime scene in his head. After Shadi was killed, there was

one single spot of blood on the fifth ace. If that's the case, Phoenix asks Apollo to point out which person's position in the room is contradictory.



Apollo points to the victim's position. If his head was tilted back after the murder, then the blood should've landed behind him. Yet, it landed on the card which was in front of him. Incidentally, they were sitting in swivel chairs. So, the chair must've been facing in the opposite way. When Phoenix returned to the body, it was facing the table. So, the killer must've turned it around. But now that the victim is turned around, someone's else's position in the room becomes contradictory. Phoenix asks Apollo to point out who. He points to the killer. The victim was struck from the front, yet they were facing the other way. It would've been needlessly difficult for the killer to strike them on the front of the head in this position. Phoenix tells him to point out where the killer would be standing. He tells him to not worry about what he sees in the diagram and to just go with it for now. Apollo

points to the cupboard in front of the victim.



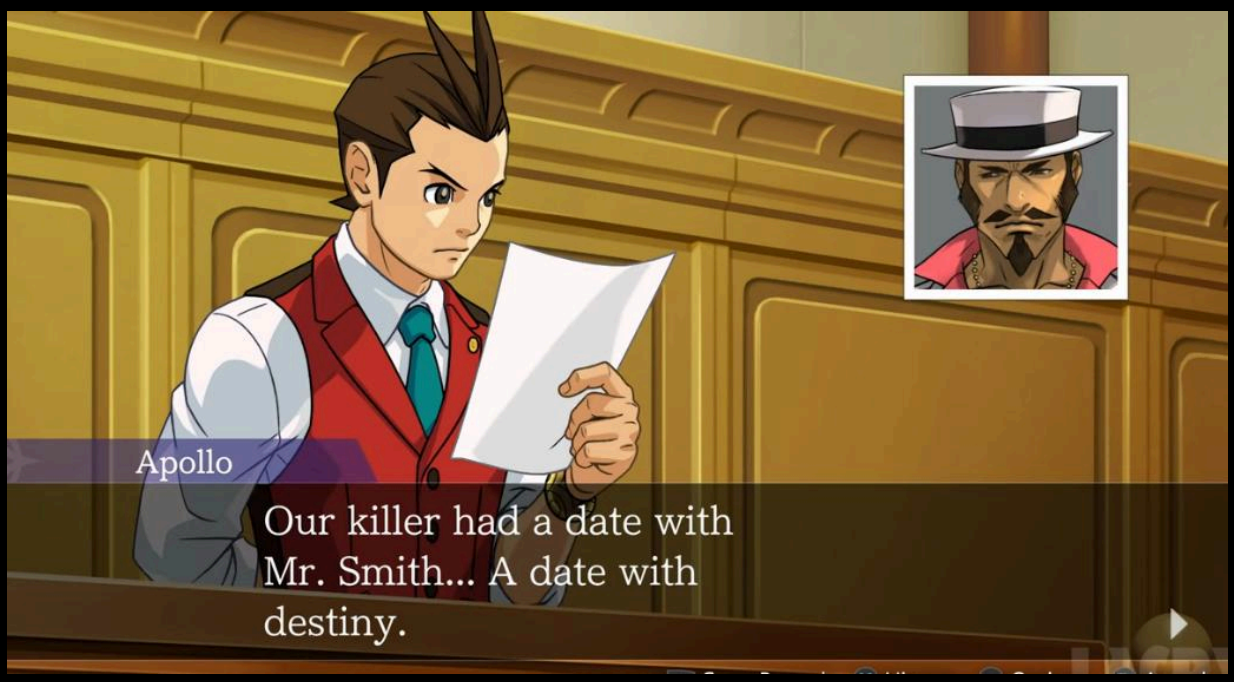
This seems ridiculous, but Phoenix insists it's the only way. At the time of the murder, the cupboard must've simply not been there. Phoenix requests someone be sent to the club to examine what's behind the cupboard. He tells the judge there's another thing they should look for as well, and he hands the judge a note.



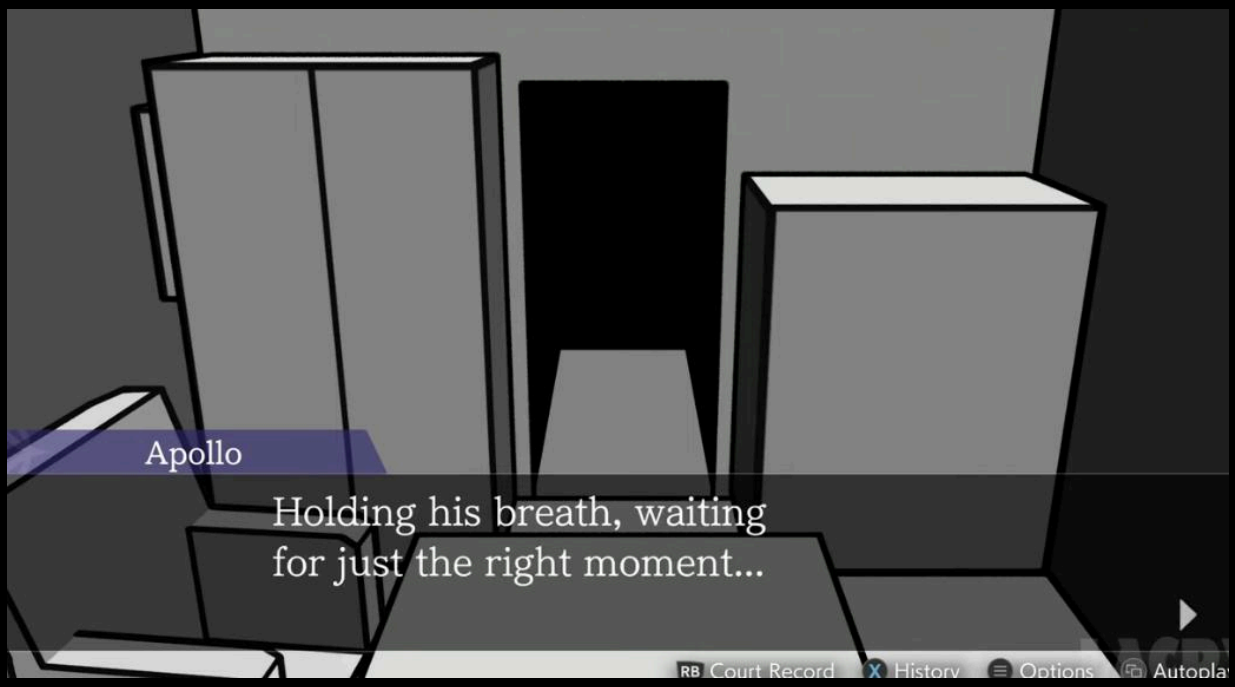
Phoenix mentally moves over the cupboard to adjust to the actual conditions of the crime scene. That "Oh, my!" Was Phoenix pointing out the final contradiction. Phoenix tells Apollo to, one more

time, point to which marker on the diagram is contradictory. Apollo points to the 2nd witness marker. If the cupboard is moved, then the 2nd witness has no way to see in. Gavin himself claimed to be this person. Just then, the team who searched the club returns. They found a secret passageway behind the cupboard. The killer could've used this to escape into the main restaurant. Phoenix knows about it as one of the restaurant's regulars.





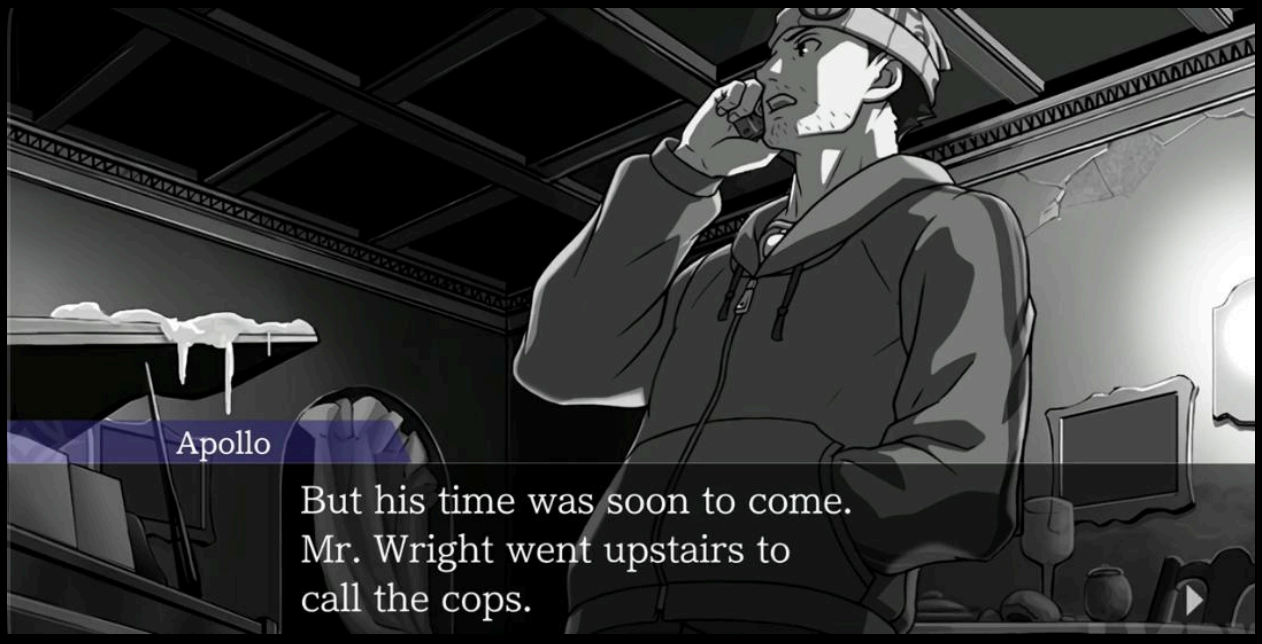

Apollo
There he crouched, hidden in the secret passageway behind the cupboard...
RB Court Record
X History
Options


Apollo
Holding his breath, waiting for just the right moment...
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What... Why did you do that!?
Wait here, I'll get help.

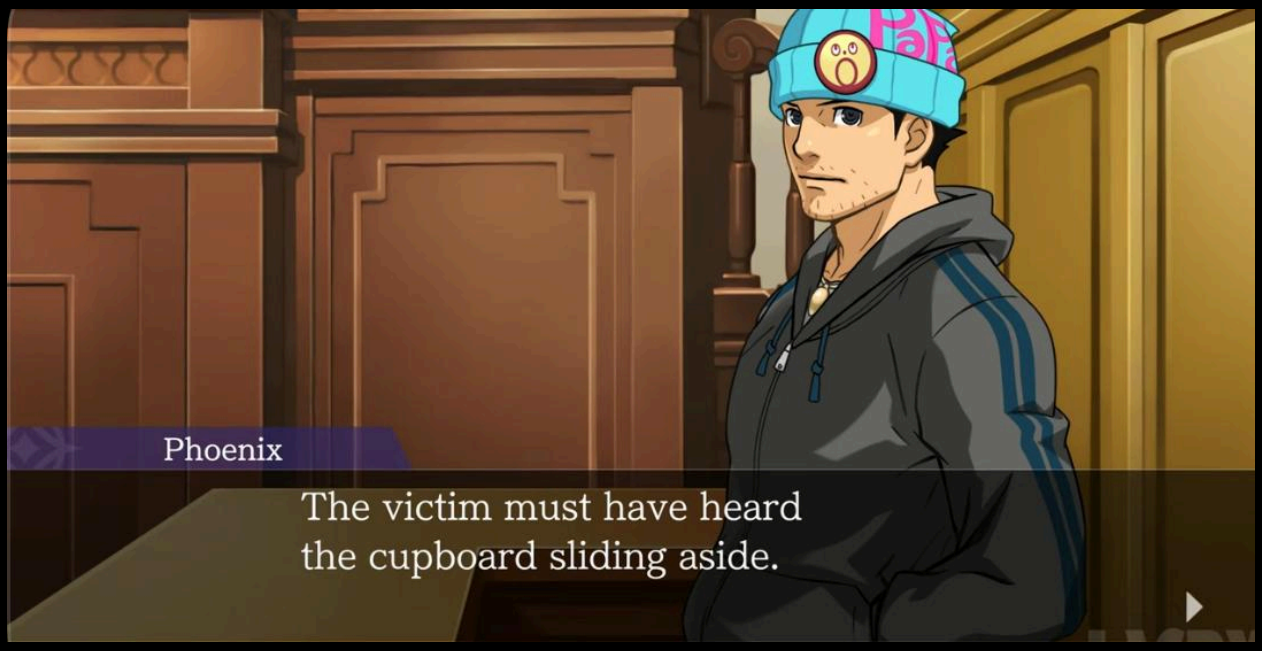
Apollo

Ms. Olga Orly was out cold,
struck by Mr. Smith...

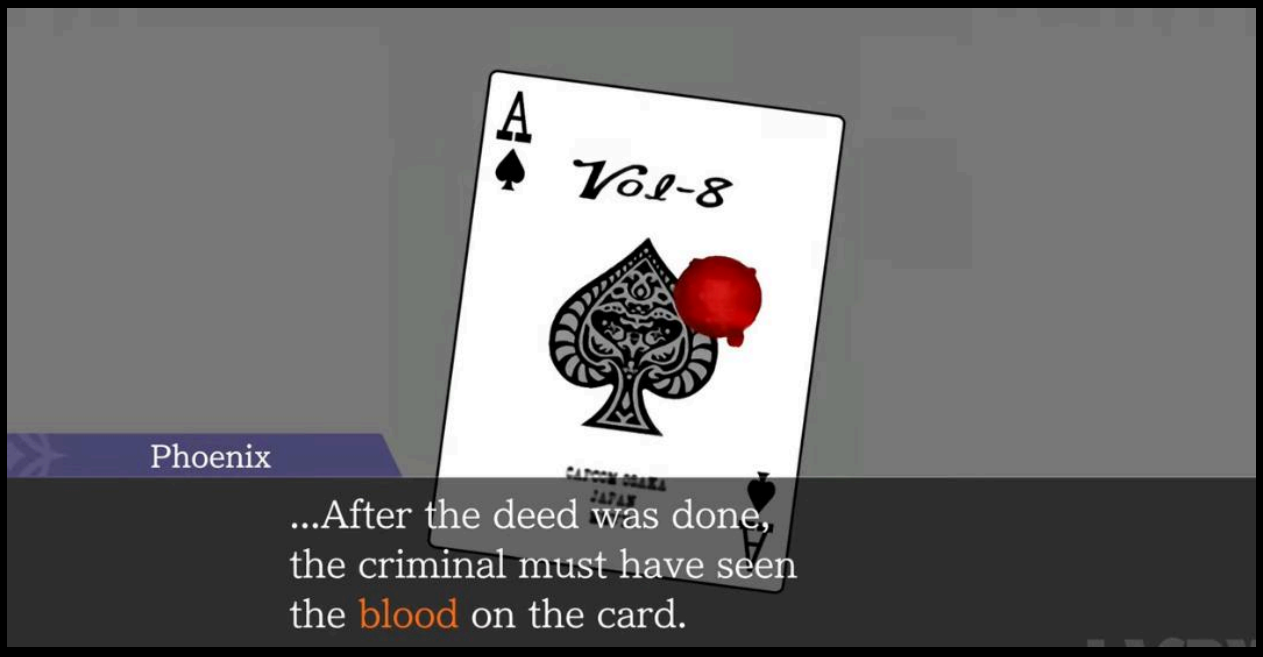

Apollo
But his time was soon to come.
Mr. Wright went upstairs to
call the cops.

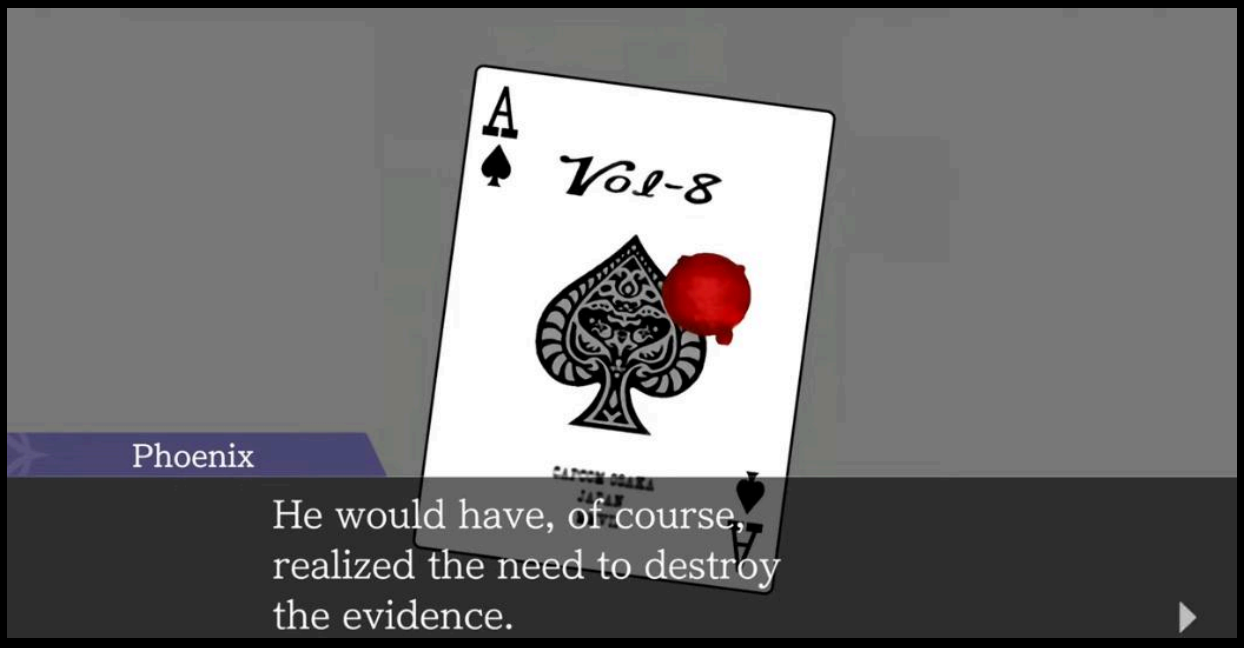

Apollo
Leaving Mr. Shadi Smith
alone in the Hydeout with the
unconscious dealer.
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X History
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Apollo
Then our killer stepped out from the secret passage and into the Hydeout.


Phoenix
The victim must have heard the cupboard sliding aside.

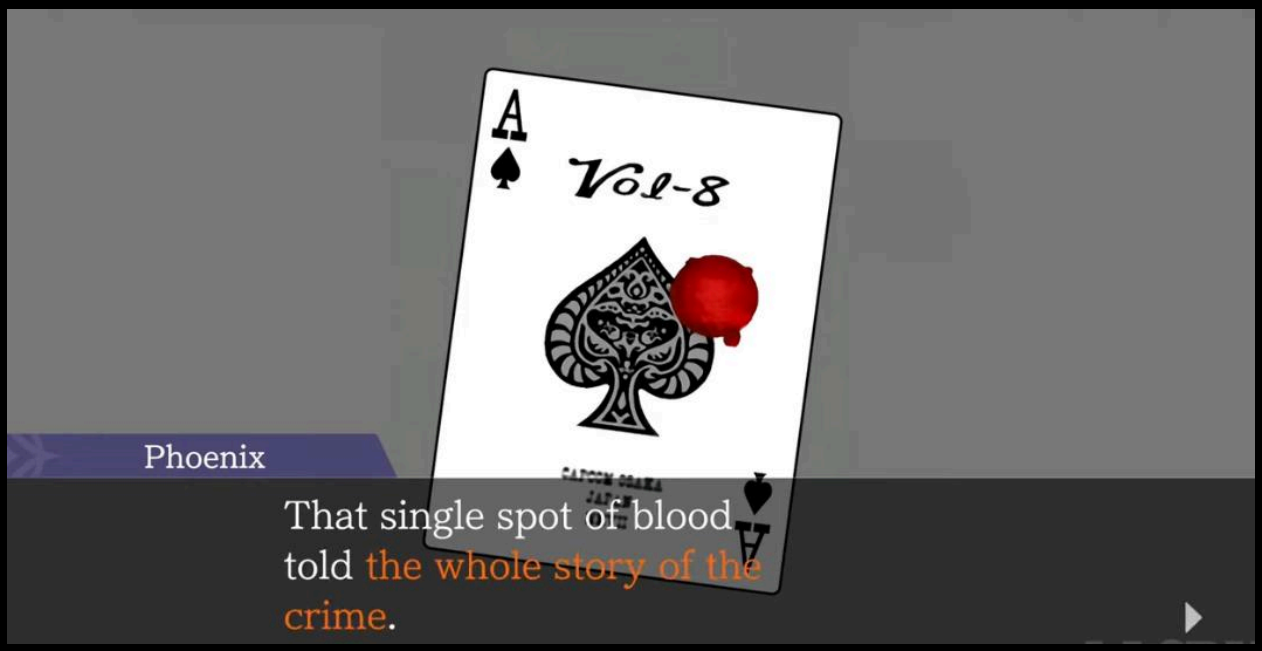

Apollo
He wheeled his chair around
to look, and...


A
Vol-8
Phoenix
...After the deed was done,
the criminal must have seen
the blood on the card.



Phoenix

He would have, of course, realized the need to destroy the evidence.



Phoenix

That single spot of blood told the whole story of the crime.


Apollo
Too bad for him he didn't linger any longer in the Hydeout that night.





After this, Kristoph is about to be given a warrant for arrest. Kristoph objects. He says it's outrageous, and that Phoenix has only used faulty evidence to pin the blame on someone else. There's also the matter of the grape juice bottle. Phoenix had his fingerprints on it, upside down, and no explanation for it has been given. Phoenix lets Apollo do the explaining for him, though it's obvious he's just guiding him. Apollo presents the photo of Phoenix and Shadi at the table. If you place a bottle next to your chair on the floor, then it's only natural for you to pick it up upside down and leave your fingerprints upside down. From the way they were sitting in the photo, they'd have done the same thing. Kristoph likely used the bottle on the table to kill him, and then swapped out

the bottles for one with Phoenix's fingerprints on them and made it look like the murder weapon. Gavin asks for proof of this. Apollo isn't able to, so Phoenix jumps in. He reminds the judge of the additional item he requested to be searched for when the club was being investigated. He asked for the bottles from under the piano at the club. They brought back one of the bottles. Phoenix tells Apollo to investigate the bottle. Inside the bottle is the card. The crumpled 5 of hearts that Phoenix mentioned discarding earlier. The card wasn't found in the murder weapon, which means they were swapped. And the only person who could've done that is the fourth person in the club that night. Kristoph Gavin. After Gavin confesses, Phoenix is declared Not Guilty. After the trial, in the lobby, Phoenix tells Apollo that he had forged the fifth ace.

Analysis

The first thing that Phoenix does is deny that he ever touched the murder weapon. This turns out to be true, as Gavin had swapped the murder weapon with the card-filled bottle. The question is why Phoenix would remain silent about his fingerprints being on the murder weapon, and only reveal the fact that they were swapped at the end of the trial. In the middle of the trial, Phoenix claims he doesn't know where the five of hearts card went, but that he does know that he put it in the bottle. However, he contradicts this by telling the judges search team to search for the card in the bottles surrounding the table in the Hydeout. Given this, it seems like Phoenix was lying. This means that Phoenix had some reason to conceal the fact that he knew where the card was. The reason would be, seemingly, that it would've provoked Gavin prior to the proper time to accuse him. The bottle swap could only be brought up once he had accused Gavin of the murder. Consider how Phoenix had gotten that card in the bottle. First, he had dinner with Gavin at the club. Gavin is revealed later (but it would've been within Phoenix's knowledge by this point) to have done a lot of spying on those who were involved in the suicide of Magnifi Gramarye. At the very least, Phoenix knew that Gavin was behind many evil deeds in the Magnifi case, so he could've expected him to do something on the night of Zak's murder. Then, Shadi Smith (in other words, Zak Gramarye) shows up at the club and attempts to pull off a plan to frame Phoenix for cheating in a game of poker. This is when the card lands in Phoenix's pocket. By sheer luck, Phoenix puts his hand in his pocket at some point and finds the five of hearts. He stated that he "felt something bad was going to happen." This statement gains new meaning if we consider the fact that Phoenix, in all of his investigation, found out that Gavin was spying on people connected to the Magnifi case. If Phoenix knew Gavin would come after Zak, given that the two had come in such close time frames, he could've anticipated Zak's murder. To be clear though, he didn't LET Zak die. He was forced to leave the room because of Zak hitting Olga and the card in the bottle would've been a "just in case"

precaution. Putting the card inside the bottle allows it to become an obvious marker for which bottle the card was put into. This makes it possible to prove that the bottles were swapped by Gavin after the murder. He had the foresight for all of this before the murder even happened.

Another thing Phoenix does, or rather doesn't do, is object to the statement that the victim won the game of poker, which had the supporting evidence of the chips photo. Obviously it was incorrect, but it was Apollo who had to come to that conclusion. This may have been out of necessity for Phoenix. One of the things displayed in the photo is the blue back of the deck of cards. The matter of Gavin swapping out the cards and making the mistake of not realizing the card backs were actually red became very important later in the trial, so this photo needed to be presented. His silence on this actually accomplished quite a bit. First, the photo of the chips is presented. With it, it proves that the victim was winning. This would provide a motive for Phoenix to kill Zak. However, Apollo disproves that by showing that the chips only add up to 7000 points when the small chips count for 1000. Apollo proving this forces Olga to testify about the cheating plot. Phoenix also allows Apollo to point out the matter of Zak not having his locket necklace on him in the post mortem photo. This allows Phoenix the opportunity to present the photo of Trucy. Had he not shown this photo, Apollo wouldn't have had any familiarity with Trucy when she gave him the forged fifth ace in the lobby, and would've been more likely to reject it. Had Phoenix objected himself, it would've raised suspicion with Gavin (who may have detected that Phoenix was trying to guide the trial too much) or caused the testimony to come out in some other way. Allowing the trial to flow in Apollo's hands made the trial arrive at the correct point more effectively.

After Olga faints, Phoenix makes sure to keep the trial going by mentioning the matter of the card swap. The reasoning goes like this:
-Phoenix and Zak only alternated between the blue and red card sets.
-One of the blue cards got into a hand of red cards. So, someone must've been cheating.
-Since the cards were alternated per game, the cheat couldn't have happened before the game.
-It'd be impossible to swap the cards during the game, as it'd be obvious.
-Therefore, the cards must've been swapped AFTER the murder.
-Phoenix didn't swap the cards, as that would work to his disadvantage during the game.
-Olga didn't swap the cards, because an experienced cheater like her wouldn't make such an obvious mistake.
-Therefore, a fourth person must've been in the room.
-This person made two mistakes due to a lack of knowledge. One, they didn't know that red and blue cards were alternated, so they swapped a red card for a blue. Two, they didn't expect a fifth ace would be on the table. So, they swapped it out for a king, disappearing the fifth ace. Think about

when this line of reasoning is spoken by Phoenix. Apollo had just realized Zak only had 2 aces on his hand, and since cheating was going on, Olga was likely the one helping with it and therefore was the killer. This causes Olga to faint. Phoenix had withheld the 5th ace for this exact purpose. This line of logical reasoning only works if there were two aces on Zak's hand; once Olga had fainted, it opened the court for Phoenix to explain how there must've been a 4th person there. Olga fainting was caused by her being accused, and this was a tactic to get her true personality out onto the stand. Before she does reveal her true personality though, Phoenix informs Apollo of his ability to detect small changes and twitches in a person's behavior. This becomes essential in the next cross examination when Apollo points out that she constantly taps her neck when remembering the moment of the attack. This forces her to tell the truth: the card trap failed, and then Shadi hit Olga over the head, and when she woke up, Zak was dead. If Phoenix hadn't proven that a fourth person was in the Hydeout, Olga's explanation of events would've been tossed out and she would've been convicted of the crime. If Phoenix had explained that there were 4 people in the Hydeout any earlier, Olga wouldn't have been accused and her true personality wouldn't have came out.

Phoenix only explains the clue to the true killer after
Olga had made her true testimony. This actually has a purpose, as it creates a gap in time for Phoenix to fill in. Before, they were operating on the assumption that Phoenix lost the game, hit Zak, and went upstairs and called the police. This leaves no gap in time for anyone else to enter the Hydeout. However, Olga's new testimony, which claims that 1, the card trap failed, 2, Zak hit Olga, and then three, Phoenix went upstairs to call the cops. Since Zak is now alive in this timeline, this creates a gap in time for someone else to hit Zak.

Now, it's time for Phoenix to challenge Kristoph. He begins by explaining that someone, here in the courtroom, knew that the backs of the cards were blue, in spite of the defense not previously having that knowledge. That person is Gavin. After the statement is made, Phoenix gets a text box which says "…". Phoenix picked up on the statement immediately and began placing it into the bigger picture. The only opportunity for Gavin to see that the cards had blue backs was in the chips photo. However, this was presented long after the statement had been made. This is more than just the fact that he shouldn't have known that though, it also demonstrates that he was the 4th person he had proven the existence of because the person who swapped the cards had made the clear mistake of swapping a red card for a blue one. This makes this observation and the line of reasoning proving the 4th person's existence connected. Phoenix had also withheld the fact that he dined with Kristoph a little while before the murder. Kristoph had told it to Apollo, but not to the court. Phoenix telling it now actually has the effect of making Kristoph look more suspicious; since this information is gained in the latter leg of the trial, it makes it seemingly more important, and this

combines with the fact that Phoenix had withheld it, making it seem like Phoenix was trying to not accuse Kristoph of anything but only did so once he felt he needed to for the sake of "the truth."

In his testimony, Phoenix claims that he made his call to Kristoph shortly following the murder, after which he put the hat back onto Zak's body. In the phone call, it's revealed Kristoph made a comment on Zak's bald head, which would've been impossible to firmly know about unless you saw under his hat. Since his hat was on until his death, Kristoph shouldn't have been able to see his head unless he was present during the murder. If we take a look at the first photo taken of Zak's body, we see the hat is still on. This is because, as Phoenix said, he put the hat back on after calling Kristoph. We should also keep in mind that Phoenix specifically noted that there was blood oozing from his head, in spite of the fact that this would've been contradictory. In the photo of Zak's body, he's still wearing his hat, so he shouldn't be able to see the blood oozing from his head. However, this is explained by the fact that Phoenix put the hat back on his body. This closes the timeframe in which anyone could've seen his head. He wore the hat for the entirety of the night up until his attack, and shortly after, the hat was back on. Only the one who attacked him could've seen his head. With all this now setup, it forces Gavin to testify.

Before Gavin testifies, Phoenix gets Trucy to give the forged fifth ace via a magic trick. Phoenix predicted that Trucy would need to be the one rather than himself to hand him the card. This was foreshadowed by him showing off the locket earlier and made sure that Apollo would be handed the card even if he had to be in the judge's chambers at the point where he needed to hand the card off to him. The first question is: why hide this until now? The first clue is when Apollo is examining Olga about the story of the card trick. As I said earlier, the story focused on the fact that there were only two aces, yet Olga said Zak had three. This then forces the story of how the cards were swapped out to be discussed, leading to the 4th person being proven to exist. The second clue is Gavin's reaction when the card is presented. During the cross examination, a question comes up: why swap the cards out in the first place? When Apollo presents the bloody fifth ace, Gavin is shocked. Gavin is trapped here: if he objects and insists that the card is fraudulent, then he basically admits to the crime, because the only way for the card to have actually vanished, which would force Phoenix to forge the card, because the actual one is gone. Phoenix proved earlier that he wouldn't have been the one to swap the cards, and neither would Olga, so insisting that the card is a fake would force him to admit the crime. This forces him to stay silent, which is equally as destructive for him. Phoenix begins explaining the actual significance of the drop of blood on that card. Firstly, the victim had his head tilted backwards after being struck, so if Phoenix and Zak were facing each other, a strike over the head would've caused the blood to land behind him. How did the killer attack, then? It couldn't have been Phoenix (the person marked by the "killer" position on the

diagram) because if he had hit him from the other way around it wouldn't have landed on the front of Zak's head. So, the killer must've been standing where the cupboard is. But that would be impossible, so the cupboard must be moved to the left in order for the secret passageway to be open. Now, everything is aligned, but the 2nd witness' (Kristoph) view is blocked. Phoenix anticipated, since before Gavin's testimony, and in fact, since before the trial (suggested by the fact that Phoenix forged the 5th ace, which wouldn't make any sense if the trial hadn't come to this point) that he would claim to have seen the crime scene from within the tiny window. He set the whole trial up to make it impossible for Kristoph to explain why he had the knowledge of Zak's baldness unless he testified that he was looking through the window, and the ace, combined with his line of deduction, proved it to be impossible. He completely read Kristoph's mind long before anyone had even gotten to this subject. He finishes Kristoph off by presenting the bottle with the crumpled five of hearts in it, proving that Kristoph swapped them, and that he was the only one who could've swapped them. Olga was out cold, Zak was in the chair, and Phoenix was upstairs calling the cops. The only one with the opportunity to swap them would be the same person who altered the crime scene, Kristoph.

I feel I didn't do Phoenix the proper justice he deserved when I made my initial doc, as I was anxious to get it out to the world and this analysis required a lot of reflection and thinking to create. But overall, I hope this demonstrates how great Phoenix is at anticipation, manipulation, planning and tactics. Additionally, this plan was constructed between the time Phoenix was arrested and when the trial began, which couldn't have been more than one night. This entire trial was planned and predicted so perfectly that any move that Kristoph had made would've been invalidated by Phoenix.

